

# National Park Service Department of the Interior

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**Big South Fork Unveils Winners of First Annual Photo Contest on Saturday, September 5.** The reception begins at 5 pm (ET) at the Bandy Creek Visitors Center. Photo contest finalists work will be put on display and everyone will get to vote for the "People's Choice" winner. Live bluegrass music provided by South Sycamore, and light refreshments will be served.

**Labor Day (September 7) is the Last Day the Bandy Creek Swimming Pool is Open this Summer.** Cool off with a swim after a hike or ride. The pool is open from noon-6 pm (ET).

**5th Annual Blue Heron Ghost Train Storytelling event occurs on Saturday, September 12.** Evening storytelling sessions start around 7:30 pm (ET) at the Blue Heron Mining Community Interpretive Center near Stearns, KY. Park staff and volunteers will lead visitors in the darkness of night by only flickers of lanterns to local storytellers. Visitors have the option of either descending to this abandoned coal-mining camp by rail or road. For information on the Big South Fork Scenic Railway contact 800-462-5664 or [www.bsfsry.com](http://www.bsfsry.com).

**23rd Annual "Haunting in the Hills" Storytelling Festival is September 19.** Make plans now to join your friends and neighbors at the Bandy Creek Field and enjoy a fun-filled day of stories, music, crafts and more. Craft classes and concerts are free. This year's featured tellers are Carrie Sue Ayvar, Megan Hicks, Donna Washington, and Dan Keding.

10:00 am Ranger Talks  
2:00 pm Family Oriented Storytelling  
3:30 pm The Bandy Creek Brigade Concert  
4:30 pm Cowboy Poetry by Don Britton  
5:30 pm Victory Bluegrass Concert  
6:30 pm Great Day in the Morning Concert  
8:00 pm Ghost Stories for Listeners of All Ages.

**Bandy Creek Visitor Center  
(423) 286-7275 or visit us at:**

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**Next Coffee and Climb with a Ranger occurs on Saturday, September 5.** Bring any questions and join NPS rangers for a free cup of coffee at Lilly Bridge from 10 am (ET) and then meet at Lilly Bridge at 11 am for our Climb with a Ranger program. This program is an opportunity for those who want to try rock climbing but did not know where to begin. Participants need to bring drinking water, sturdy footwear, a willingness to try new things and a can-do attitude.

**Obed Celebrates National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 12** by teaming up with the East Tennessee Climbers Coalition (ETCC) to host the 16th annual Adopt-a-Crag. Volunteers can help with projects such as trail maintenance and litter pickup. Afterwards, volunteers may enjoy an afternoon in the park. ETCC will be hosting a dinner, games and announcements at Del and Marte's Campground at 6:00 pm. Call the Obed Visitor Center for more information.

**Photography Exhibit on Display.** Stop by the Obed Visitor Center in downtown Wartburg to view the winning photographs from the 2015 Annual Photo Contest.

**Primitive Bow Making Workshop on Friday, September 18.** Bowyer Travis Gosnell made his first bow as a child and is excited about the opportunity to pass

on his passion for primitive weaponry to others. Visitors will have the opportunity to help in the process of building a bow and ask questions about other primitive weapons.

**Preschool Storytime Program Happens Every Friday at 10:30 am in the Visitor Center.** Children along with parents or guardians are invited to participate in this free, wheelchair accessible event.

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